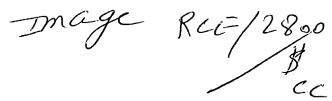
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) (37 C.F.R. 1.114)

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1. Applicant hereby requests continued examination, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, for the above-identified application.

TIME REQUEST IS BEING MADE

- 2. This request is being submitted:
 - i. Prior to abandonment of the application
 - ii Payment of the issue fee

Prior to payment of the issue fee

Issue fee has been paid but a petition under § 1.313 has been

granted

iii. Prior to a decision on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals &

Interferences

A notice is being separately sent to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interferences that this Request for Continued Examination is being filed.

iv. Appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals of the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. 145; or

Commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 146

Prior to the filing of such appeal or commencement of civil

action

Such appeal or commencement of civil action has been

terminated

SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- 3. a) Previously submitted
 - Consider the amendment/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on November 13, 2003.

(Any unentered amendments referred to above will be entered)

Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously submitted on

Other

b) Enclosed herewith is/are:

An information disclosure (37 C.F.R. §1.98)

Form PTO-1449 (PTO/SB/08A and 08B)

An amendment

New arguments

New evidence in support of patentability

Other:

FEE FOR REQUEST (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e))

4. This application is on behalf of:

Small entity (and status is still as small entity)

\$385.00

Large entity

\$770.00

Continued Prosecution Request Fee \$770.00

FEE FOR CLAIMS

5. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b)-(d) has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col.1)		(Col.2)	(Col.3)	Small Entity			Large Entity	
	Claims remaining after amendment		Highest No. previously paid for	Present Extra	Rate	Add.F ee	Or	Rate	Add.F ee
Total	19	Minus	,		x\$9=	\$		x\$18=	\$
Indep.	2	Minus			x\$42=	\$		x\$84=	\$
First Presentation of Multiple Dependent Claims					+\$140=	\$		+\$280=	
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(c) No additional fee is required.

or

(d) Total additional fee required is \$

EXTENSION OF TIME

- 6. The proceedings herein are for a patent application, and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.
 - (a) Applicant petitions for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(l)-(4), for the total number of months checked below:

Extension	Large Entity	Small Entity
one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
two months	\$ 410.00	\$ 205.00
three months	\$ 930.00	\$ 465.00
four months	\$1,450.00	\$ 725.00

Fee:

\$110.00

An extension for - months has already been secured, and the fee paid therefor of \$\\$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$110.00

or

(b) Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, this is a conditional petition and authorization to pay the necessary fees to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

TOTAL FEE(S) DUE

7. The total fee(s) due is/are:

Continued Prosecution Fee (§ 1.17(e))	\$770.00
Fee for additional claims (if any) (§ 1.16(b)-(d))	\$
Extension of time fee (if any) ($\S 1.17(a)(1)-(4)$)	\$110.00
Total Fee(s) Due	\$880.00

PAYMENT OF FEE(S) DUE

- 8. Please pay the fees for this continued examination application as follows:
 - Charge Credit Card the sum of \$880.00 (Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached)

Please charge any required additional fees for 1.17(e), 1.16(b)-(d) and/or 1.17(a)(1)-(4) to

Account No. 12-1099 of Lerner and Greenberg, P.A. Credit Card (Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) attached).

INVENTORSHIP

- 9. This application as amended names as inventors:
 - the same inventors as previously designated for the claims. fewer than the inventors previously designated and a statement accompanies this request for the deletion of the name or names of the person or persons who are not inventors of the invention now being claimed.

 a person not named previously as an inventor and a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.48 is/has separately: being filed been filed

10. Instructions as to Overpayment

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